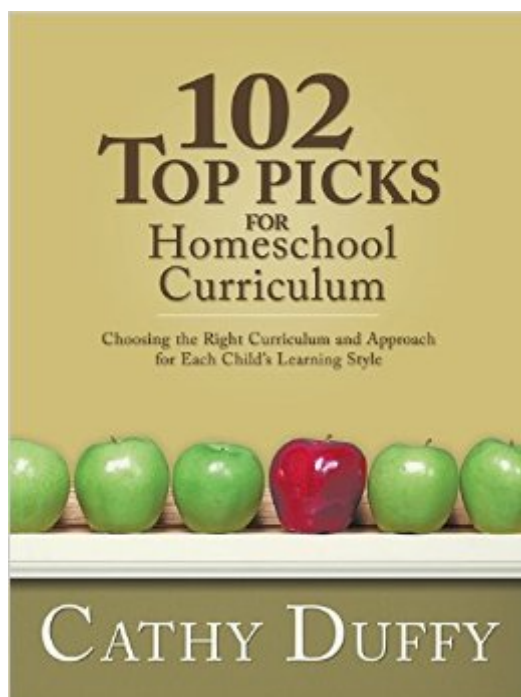


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# 102 Top Picks For Homeschool Curriculum



## Synopsis

102 Top Picks makes it easy for home educators to select the right curriculum for each family situation and each child's learning style. Widely-recognized curriculum expert Cathy Duffy walks you through the curriculum selection process: goal setting, figuring out which educational approach to use, developing your own philosophy of education, determining your teaching style, and identifying your children's learning styles. "At-a-glance" charts highlight key features of each Top Pick selection. Scanning through the charts allows you to quickly identify products likely to be of interest. The charts are followed by extensive reviews of each of Cathy's Top Picks. This is an updated and extensively revised edition of 101 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum.

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## Customer Reviews

Cathy Duffy runs a review website and I recently consulted it because I was unhappy with two of my resources. I ended up buying this book and I was so glad I did. In fact, I wished I had read it a long time ago. It wasn't just valuable because of the reviews, but also because it stepped me through teaching styles, learning styles, philosophies of schooling, etc. all the while helping me define my own situation and desires. Then, she shows you which resources she thinks will work best for your desires and rates them on things like prep time, teacher involvement, cost, etc. It really is a great resource!

There are as many ways to homeschool as there are homeschoolers. Duffy's book gives an overview of each of the most popular philosophies. She also provides provoking questions and an

inventory to help you find where your family fits in. The curriculum review portion of the book is also a great place to start looking at curriculum, if you go that route. There are literally hundreds of choices -- sometimes hundreds just in one subject -- Duffy is a place to look at many of the most popular. I think her book is perfect for most new homeschoolers because it's a book that gives you an overview of the philosophies. Then you can get to the internet to look more deeply into any that spur your interest.

LOVE this book!! Before buying it, I spent many hours reading and researching curriculum and reviews. Even Cathy Duffy's website! This book is so much more than the title implies. I was hesitant to spend the money on the book, thinking it would just be more in-depth reviews than what her website had. But it's so much more! Ms. Duffy walks you through questions to figure out what your very own schooling philosophy is, set priorities, determine what your learning style is, what your children's learning styles are, and helps you put all that information together to figure out which curriculum could work for you and your family. This book has saved me so much time, helped me organize my thoughts, and simplified the curriculum decision for me. I am thanking God for this book right now!

This is a really helpful review of some of the best homeschooling options out there. I wish she had multiple books for people with different interests or different types of learners (ex.: best curricula options for hands-on learners, catholic families, special needs students, etc.) She seems to try to give an overview and a varied selection of what's out there, but there are some really great curricula that are skimmed over, especially if there are a slightly more "niche" type of strategy. However for those who fit in that niche, that's what you want to know! Overall a really helpful book. Just making a suggestion for a future resource.

This book was recommended by a very good friend of mine who started homeschooling a few years ago. When I decided it was something I wanted to look further into, I bought this book. There is a quiz that you take to see what kind of teacher you are, it helps you figure out what kind of student your children are, which directs you to various curriculum suitable for your family. It definitely helped me to narrow down the search among HUNDREDS of different options!!! She explains each curriculum, the cost, and what she likes/doesn't like about it. What could have been a headache for me was tremendously helped by this book.

Extremely helpful. I could not think of any questions that weren't addressed in this book. We were overwhelmed with Homeschool and the options. But, we found this to create great clarity and recommend this to all Homeschooling families.

Even if you don't think you could EVER homeschool your kids, read this book. It took me step by step through the thought process of decided to homeschool, how to homeschool, and what curriculum to choose. It blew away my original conception about homeschooling and 100% changed my mind. I will be starting homeschooling in the fall, and I am very much looking forward to it because of this book!

A must have for all homeschool parents, both seasoned and new. Stay up to date on choices that fit your teaching goals, philosophy, and match with your child's learning style. Although I would have been fine with my original curriculum choice, I learned that there were even better options available to fit our needs, and that my goals had changed over the years. This grounded me and ensured we are headed in the right direction.

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